

INDIA: Nuclear Safety Problems

India may allege that its operation of a nuclear power reactor is being made unsafe by US export restrictions, and it may blame the US for any nuclear incidents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Until 1980, the US supplied slightly enriched uranium that was made into fuel in India, but since then provisions of the Nonproliferation Act of 1978 have prevented additional uranium exports. [REDACTED]

Comment: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The lack of two in-core monitors, which are awaiting US export licenses, has added to the deterioration of safe operation of the reactor. [REDACTED]

Responsibility for safe operation of the reactor rests with the Indians. India may attempt to blame the US, however, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if there is an incident as a result of the absence of core monitors. Complaints about delays in shipping the monitors, which have raised concerns about safety, already have been made by one Indian newspaper. [REDACTED]

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